

# *“The Doctor”*

McNair Scholars Program  
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## McNair Scholars Attend Conference in Kansas City

On September 20, five

The Heartland Conference gave these students the opportunity to field questions from audiences from other schools, to field questions from audiences



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## Maximizing Your Mentorship

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ate, and doctoral levels of education. Research cited in Hartmann et al. found that, among a diverse range of

The project gives students the opportunity to learn how to construct research, analyze data, and articulate difficult concepts from a professional in the field. Along the

available to them with a Master's degree and a doctorate, and have their own work scrutinized and improved by

Research has suggested, however, that the correlation

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## Events to Come

### December

- 7 **Finals Begin**
- 20 **Holiday Shutdown - Offices closed**
- 31 **Research Assembly Meeting**

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### January

- 2 **Campus Reopens**
- 21 **Classes Resume**
- 31 **Literature Review Due**

### February

- 3 **Counselor Meetings Resume**
- 7 **Research Assembly Meeting**  
  
2- 3pm, Devlin Hall, Rm 106
- 8 **Grad Prep & Seminar**  
  
10am - 12pm, Devlin Hall, Rom 106
- 14 **McWrite**  
  
2- 3pm, Devlin Hall, Rm 106
- 21 **Grad Seminar**  
"Etiquette Dinner/Seminar" (*must be registered*)
- 28 **Grad Prep**

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# *GRAD-CONNECT*

## **Graduate School: Searching for Funding**

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ate students, so you may be tempted to take the traditional route—loans—and hope that eventually the degree and the debt will pay off in terms of salary, benefits, and prestige.

What you may not realize (as many people don't) is that there is money available for graduate and doctoral students,

### **Assistantships are similar to work-study programs**

Assistantships are available at many schools with graduate programs, and can be teaching or research centered.

duced tuition, as well as other possible benefits, such as health insurance and a monthly stipend. Assistantships often involve teaching undergraduate classes a few hours a week, proctoring exams, or assisting with important research. It could also involve publishing a set amount of articles in a specific field while attending school. Some times, awards are granted in exchange for full-time work in a specific field, such as working for a year in a psychiatric hospital conducting psychological testing while finishing up your degree in clinical psychology.

The type of work varies from school to school. So does the number of hours required, amount of money you receive, possibility for tuition waivers, and other benefits. But if you plan carefully, you may be able to get that advanced degree for free. Do keep in mind, though, that it is work on top of your studies. If you're struggling to keep up with classes or are an older student with work and family obligations, it may be a difficult route to undertake.

### **Fellowships are similar to graduate school scholarships**

Fellowships are more like graduate scholarships or grants. Basically, you are awarded money which could cover the costs of everything you need while getting an advanced degree (tuition, housing, food, etc).

The great thing about graduate school fellowships is that they are wildly diverse and are offered by hundreds of research or advanced study in your specific field. This can reveal a number of opportunities, as can looking into agencies that offer philanthropic fellowships to promote things such as advanced degrees for minorities, or support

Since graduate school fellowships are so varied, the best way to get started on finding out about opportunities specific to your school and field of study is by checking directly with the school. They will be able to tell you what fellowships that may be able to provide money toward your degree.

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